



Senate Minutes Summary, 2 and 23 July 2001

At the meeting on 2 July 2001:

1. **Confidential items**

2. **Non-confidential items**

The Chancellor announced that she would retire on 31 December 2001, leaving a realistic time to put in place an orderly process to identify a suitable successor.

2.1 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

2.2 **Requested amendments to the Minutes of the previous Senate meeting**

Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held on 4 June 2001 as a true and correct record, as amended.

2.3 **Leave of absence**

Senate granted leave requested.

2.4 **Notice of Motion**

The Deputy Chancellor had given notice that she intended to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

That the Chancellor does not have the confidence of the Senate.

Senate resolved to adjourn for one hour to consider the Chancellor's statement.

When the meeting reconvened at 5.35pm, Senate resolved as follows:

The Senate receives and notes the public statement of the Chancellor this afternoon announcing her decision to retire on 31 December 2001.

The Senate recognises the Chancellor's statement as a positive step towards resolving the tensions between the Chancellor and Senate.

In light of the Chancellor's statement, the Senate proposes that this ordinary meeting of Senate be adjourned until 23 July 2001 to allow time for Senate to decide with the Chancellor how the governance of the University may best be conducted during the period of transition.

2.5 **Amendment of the Academic Governance Rules relating to the Academic Forum and the Academic Board**

Senate subsequently approved by circulation amendments to the Academic Governance Rules relating to the Academic Forum and the Academic Board as detailed in the report, so that the amended Rules might come into effect in time to be implemented in elections to be conducted in Second Semester.

At the adjourned meeting on 23 July 2001:

2. **Non-confidential items continued**

2.6 **Leave of absence**

Senate granted leave requested.

2.7 Museum of Contemporary Art

Senate resolved to approve the following:

- (a) The University agrees to relinquish control of the MCA Board so that MCA Ltd can be reconstituted as a controlled entity of a nominated Government agency or equivalent.
- (b) In return for an ongoing agency agreement with MCA Ltd for storage and conservation of the Power Collection and the public display from time to time of works from the Power Collection, the University waives all outstanding loans and interest to the MCA and extinguishes any previous calls for financial assistance from Government or City.
- (c) The University relinquishes all leases on the former MSB building.
- (d) The University agrees to undertake all reasonable necessary legal steps to facilitate the Government's scenario.

2.8 Notice of Motion

Senate resolved as follows:

- (1) that the Senate endorses the actions of the Deputy Chancellor, taken on behalf of the majority of Fellows of Senate, in seeking legal advice from the firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques in regard to putting in place a procedure by which the Senate might change the by-law in respect of the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor. Fellows have supported and agreed with the actions of the Deputy Chancellor in seeking legal advice throughout this protracted process. Fellows have also been aware that this action has been known by the Vice-Chancellor. Fellows welcome this opportunity to record their clear and formal endorsement of the Deputy Chancellor's actions on behalf of the Senate.
- (2) that the Senate endorses the offer made to the Chancellor on 13 July 2001 of the title of Emeritus Chancellor of the University for a period from today, 23 July 2001 to 31 December 2001, conditional on her retiring as of 23 July.

The Chancellor declined the offer and invited the Deputy Chancellor to move the motion of which she had given notice.

Senate adopted the motion that the Chancellor does not have the confidence of the Senate.

Senate resolved that remaining business be adjourned to the next meeting of Senate, as follows:

2.9 Report of the Finance Committee, 21 June 2001

2.10 Report of the Vice-Chancellor

2.11 Questions on notice